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MOSCOW FOR RICHMOND

1. ALTHOUGH EMBASSY CONCURS WITH DEPARTMENT'S SUGGESTION THAT WE SEEK SPECIFIC GUARANTEES ALONG THE LINES OF THE IREX MODEL, WE WISH TO CALL ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT THE IREX AGREEMENT PROVISIONS ARE RECIPROCAL AND BIND BOTH U.S. AND GOR "RECEIVING SIDES" TO PROVIDING SUCH SPECIFIC ACCOMMODATIONS AT NO COST TO PARTICIPANTS OR SENDING SIDE. GIVEN PAST PRACTICE, HOWEVER, WE ASSUME THAT NEITHER DEPARTMENT NOR OTHER U.S. SPONSORS OF AMERICAN PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS (WITH EXCEPTION OF IREX) DESIRE TO ASSUME IREX MODEL OF PROVIDING FREE HOUSING FOR ROMANIAN GRANTEES IN U.S.

2. BASED ON ACCURACY OUR ASSUMPTION ABOVE, WE SUGGEST THAT EMBASSY CONSULT WITH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND ATTEMPT TO INSERT FOLLOWING LANGUAGE AS NEW ITEM 7 (SEVEN) UNDER SECTION I
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OF IMPLEMENTING CONDITIONS. FOLLOWING ITEM C ("THE RECEIVING SIDE

WILL PROVIDE:"), NEW PARAGRAPH 7 WOULD READ:

BEGIN TEXT - HOUSING ADEQUATE FOR THE PARTICIPANT
AND HIS ACCOMPANYING FAMILY MEMBERS AND SUITABLE FOR THE
CARRYING OUT OF THE PROGRAM OF STUDY.

BOTH PARTIES AGREE THAT ADEQUATE HOUSING SHALL BE
DEFINED AS FOLLOWS: FOR A SINGLE PERSON, ONE ROOM, WITH
PRIVATE KITCHEN AND BATHROOM IF PARTICIPANT SO DESIRES;
FOR HUSBAND AND WIFE WITHOUT ACCOMPANYING CHILDREN, TWO
ROOM APARTMENT WITH PRIVATE KITCHEN AND BATHROOM; FOR
HUSBAND AND WIFE WITH ONE OR MORE ACCOMPANYING CHILDREN,
THREE ROOM APARTMENT WITH PRIVATE KITCHEN AND BATHROOM.

WHERE SUCH HOUSING IS NOT ACCEPTABLE FREE OF COST TO
THE PARTICIPANT OR THE SENDING SIDE, THE RECEIVING SIDE WILL
PROVIDE A STIPEND ADEQUATE TO COVER THE COST THEREOF AS
SPECIFIED IN ITEM 6 ABOVE. FOR AMERICAN GRADUATE STUDENTS AND
RESEARCHERS IN ROMANIA, A SUPPLEMENTARY HOUSING STIPEND WILL
BE PROVIDED BY THE ROMANIAN SIDE WHICH WILL BE DETERMINED
WITHIN SIXTY DAYS FOLLOWING THROUGH DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE
EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

END OF TEXT

3. MODIFICATIONS WILL NEED TO BE MADE IN CERTAIN OF PRESENT
ARTICLES (I(C) 6 AND I(E)) TO AVOID DUPLICATION.

4. IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THIS FORMULATION OR A MUTUALLY
ACCEPTABLE VARIATION THEREOF, WE MAY FIND IT NECESSARY AS A FALL-
BACK POSITION TO AGREE TO THE HOUSING OF FULBRIGHT GRADUATE STUDENT
PARTICIPANTS IN UNIVERSITY DORMITORIES. WE HESITATE TO DO THIS
SINCE IT REPRESENTS A RETREAT FROM THE POST 1972 SITUATION AND WILL
PROBABLY DECREASE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS. WE UNDERSTAND, HOWEVER
FROM OUR TALKS WITH RICHMOND, THAT THIS IS THE STANDARD SITUATION
WITH AMERICAN GRADUATE STUDENTS UNDER FULBRIGHT IN OTHER EE
COUNTRIES INCLUDING SOVIET UNION. AMERICAN GRADUATE STUDENTS AS
AT PRESENT, HOWEVER, ONLY GROUP HERE NOW OCCUPYING NON- DORMITORY
QUARTERS.

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5. FYI-DESPITE MFA ASSURANCES THAT NO AMERICAN PARTICIPANT
WOULD BE REQUIRED TO LEAVE PRIVATE HOUSING AT THIS STAGE, BUCHAREST
5714 PARA 2) LANDLORDS OF ONE FULBRIGHT STUDENT AND IREX COUPLE
HAVE RECEIVED NOTICES FROM NATIONAL TOURIST OFFICE (ONT) INSTRUCTING
THEM THAT THEIR TENANTS MUST MOVE BEFORE DECEMBER 31. WE ARE
CONTINUING TO TELL GRANTEES NOT TO MOVE UNTIL WE CLARIFY
SITUATION WITH MFA, WHICH WE ARE PROVIDING WITH COPIES OF ONT
EVICTION NOTICES. WILL ADVISE. END FYI.

6. APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION OUR ASSUMPTION IN PARAGRAPH 1 IS
CORRECT AND, IF SO, EARLY RESPONSE ON OUR PROPOSED LANGUAGE.
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